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### HB Neighborhood Watch P. O. Box 5667 Huntington Beach, CA 92615

Remember, your donation is tax deductible.

#### **BOARD MEETING**

Huntington Beach Police Dept. 2<sup>ND</sup> Floor Conference Room Tuesday, June 11, 2002 @ 6:30 P.M.

# **HUNTINGTON BEACH SEARCH AND RESCUE**

Huntington Beach Search and Rescue is the volunteer youth program sponsored by the Huntington Beach Police and Fire Departments. Huntington Beach Search & Rescue is a coed Explorer Post with the Boy Scouts of America. It is offered to local youth, ages 15 to 18 who are interested in exploring careers in Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Emergency Services.

The members attend Thursday night training meetings at the Search & Rescue facility located adjacent to the Fire Department Training Center and Police Heliport on Gothard between Ellis and Talbert. Volunteer Police Officers and Firefighters provide training in a variety of activities including firefighting, above ground rope rescue, firearms safety, first aid/CPR, crowd control, and hundreds of other interesting and challenging courses.

Explorers also attend Law Enforcement Explorer Academies, state and local Fire Explorer Academies and other specialized training. All this practical training is put to work at actual emergencies, crime scenes and support activities such as DUI checkpoints, 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade and Fireworks Show, and virtually every large-scale city function. All this is accomplished in an atmosphere of teamwork, citizenship, personal commitment, and fun. Local high school aged youth are encouraged to call Huntington Beach Search & Rescue for recruitment information (714) 536-5485.



#### REMINDER!!!

Huntington Beach Police Department
Police Appreciation Day
Open House

Presented in partnership with the American Youth Character Awards 2

Saturday May 18, 2002 Amphitheatre Area 2000 Main St. @ Yorktown 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Youth Character Awards – 11:00 a.m. Refreshments Available—Photo Opportunities! Bring your camera!

- Recipient of Chamber of Commerce Award of Valor •
- Recipient of Disneyland Community Service Award •

# **Huntington Beach Community Liaison Team welcomes**

# **SERGEANT GARY MEZA**

# EXECUTIVE DIVISION COMMUNITY LIAISON TEAM SUPERVISOR

Sergeant Meza grew up in Long Beach, California and graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School. He was hired by the Huntington Beach Police Department as a Police Cadet in April of 1974. Three months later, he was promoted to Police Officer and was sent to the Orange County Sheriff's Training Academy.

He spent the next six years working in Patrol, Downtown Footbeat, and Crime Scene Investigator. He was then transferred to the Investigation Division where he worked several assignments including Thefts, Vehicle Burglary, Residential Burglary, and Arson. In 1986, after six years as a detective, he was promoted to sergeant. As a sergeant, he has worked Patrol, Training Bureau Supervisor, Motor Supervisor, and Team COP supervisor. He is also a member of the Trauma Support Team.

Sergeant Meza received his Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from the University of Redlands. He and members of Team COP have been named Employees of the Month twice and he recently received the Award of Merit at the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Public Safety Awards luncheon.

Sergeant Meza has a long family history in law enforcement. His grandfather was a police officer for the City of Santa Barbara in the 1920's and 1930's. His father worked as a police officer for the City of Long Beach for 30 years and retired at the rank of Captain. Cathy, Gary's wife, is a police detective for Huntington Beach. Cathy has several uncles and cousins who are currently or have retired as police officers.

Sergeant Meza and his wife have two sons. Cory graduated from college last year and is working in the mortgage industry. Dane is attending junior college and is applying to several universities for admittance in the fall. Sergeant Meza enjoys fishing, surfing, bicycling, and golf.



#### **MAY CRIME PREVENTION TIPS**

# Safety In Your Car

• Keep your gas tank full and your vehicle's engine well maintained to avoid breakdowns.



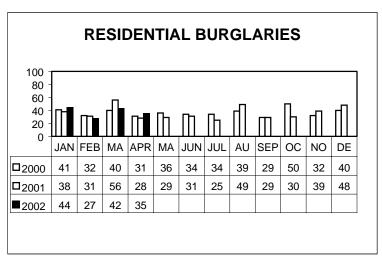
- Always lock your car doors—while you're driving and when you leave your car.
- Lock packages and valuables in your car trunk. Do not leave them on the back seat or on the floor of the vehicle where potential thieves can see them.
- Do not leave your purse or wallet on the seat beside you when driving. Place it on the floor
- At the gas station, always lock your car while filling up your gas tank. Never leave your keys in the ignition and your car unlocked.
- Carry a cell phone with you at all times while driving. Make sure you have your local police department's non-emergency phone number programmed into your phone. Huntington Beach Police Department's non-emergency phone number is 960-8825.
- If your car breaks down, pull over to the right as far as possible, raise the hood, and wait inside for help. Do not get out of the car or roll down the window for strangers. Use your cell phone and call for a tow truck.
- Always wear your seatbelt and drive within the speed limit.
- Never drink and drive.

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## AREA SPEAKERS

Cathy Stan—South Area Reema Chugh—South Area Kathy DePeri—South Area Penny Lambright—South Area



Dick Bowen—North Area

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## RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES

The police patrol areas are the north and south. The patrol beats are 2-13. Your RD (Reporting District) is the half square mile surrounding your home.

To locate your Beat and RD, please check the map on the back inside page. In most cases, your BEAT/RD is identified on your address-mailing label.

# RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES 35 FOR APRIL 42 FOR MARCH

21 of the entries were due to <u>OPEN</u> <u>OR UNLOCKED</u> windows or doors, or 60% of the entries.

Further breakdown reveals 11 garage burglaries out of 35 burglaries, or 32% of the entries reported in April.

21 out of 35 entries reported occurred during daytime (6:00 Am. to 6:00 pm.). 14 entries occurred during night (6:00 pm. to 6:00 am.).

One entry was by passkey, 3 entries were by passkey with garage remote, 4 entries were by force, 2 entries were by window smash, 2 were attempts without entry, and 2 entries were by unknown means.

VEHICLE BURGLARIES
49 IN APRIL
109 IN MARCH

GRAND THEFT AUTOS
39 IN APRIL
40 IN MARCH



#### BEAT 2

0 Residential Burglaries4 Vehicle Burglaries0 Grand Theft Autos

#### Vehicle Burglaries

RD 456 – 1 RD 467 – 1 RD 476 – 1

#### BEAT 3

2 Residential Burglaries2 Vehicle Burglaries0 Grand Theft Autos

#### Residential Burglaries

RD 444 – 1 RD 445 – 1

Streets: Masters and Gardenia.

TWO ENTRIES BY OPEN OR

UNLOCKED WINDOWS OR DOORS.

There were two garage burglaries.

# Vehicle Burglaries

RD 436 – 1 RD 457 – 1

#### BEAT 4

4 Residential Burglaries 1 Vehicle Burglary 5 Grand Theft Autos

#### Residential Burglaries

RD 433 – 1 RD 442 – 1 RD 453 – 1 RD 473 – 1 Streets: Velvet, Oceanhill, Beach, and Newland.

# THREE ENTRIES BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED DOORS OR WINDOWS.

There was one entry by passkey. There were no garage burglaries.

# Vehicle Burglary

RD 432 - 1

#### **Grand Theft Autos**

RD 432 – 1 RD 442 – 1 RD 462 – 1 RD 463 – 1

#### BEAT 5

5 Residential Burglaries

2 Vehicle Burglaries

1 Grand Theft Auto

#### Residential Burglaries

RD 425 – 1 RD 427 – 1 RD 434 – 2 RD 436 – 1

Streets: Woodward, Bikini, Salt Lake, Doremere, Constitution.

# THREE ENTRIES BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED DOOR OR WINDOW.

There was one entry by force and one by window smash. There was one garage burglary. Suspect arrested for Woodward open entry.

## Vehicle Burglaries

RD 423 – 1 RD 437 – 1

Grand Theft Auto

 $RD\ 435-1$ 

BEAT 6



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RD 451 - 3

RD 451 - 2

- 1 Residential Burglary
- 9 Vehicle Burglaries
- **5 Grand Theft Autos**

Residential Burglaries

RD 338 - 1

Street: Dogwood.

ONE ENTRY BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED WINDOWS OR DOORS.

There was one garage burglary.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 318 – 1 RD 326 - 2RD 339 - 1 **RD 348 – 1** 

# RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES

BEAT 7

3 Residential Burglaries

1 Vehicle Burglary

3 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 319 - 1 RD 412 - 2

Streets: Alamitos, Park Meadow, and Kithira.

ONE ENTRY BY OPEN WINDOW.

There was one entry by passkey-garage remote and one entry by force. There were two garage burglaries.

Vehicle Burglaries

**RD 293 – 1** 

**Grand Theft Autos** 

RD 422 - 1 RD 423 - 1

RD 293 - 1

BEAT 8

**5 Residential Burglaries** 

11 Vehicle Burglaries

3 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglary

RD 176 – 1 RD 178 - 1

RD 179 - 1 RD 187 - 1

**RD 189 - 1** 

Streets: Kenilworth, Wrightwood, Crista Palma, and two on Warner.

TWO ENTRIES BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED WINDOWS OR DOORS.

There was one attempt without entry, one entry by force, and one entry by window smash. There was one garage burglary.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 176 – 1 **RD 177 - 6** 

**RD 178 – 2** RD 179 - 2

**Grand Theft Autos** 

**RD 179 - 2** RD 178 – 1

BEAT 9

May 2002

3 Residential Burglaries

11 Vehicle Burglaries

4 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 263 – 1 **RD 272 - 1** 

RD 283 - 1

Streets: Warner, Jacquelyn, and Pollard.

TWO ENTRIES BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED DOORS OR WINDOWS.

There was one entry by force. There was one garage burglary.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 272 - 8 RD 282 - 1

**RD 283 – 2** 

**Grand Theft Autos** 

**RD 262 – 1** RD 264 - 1

**RD 271 - 1** RD 283 - 1

BEAT 10

**5 Residential Burglaries** 

9 Vehicle Burglaries

3 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 152 - 1 RD 153 - 1

RD 155 - 2RD 173 - 1

Streets: Surprise, Sagamore, Pacific Coast Highway, and two on Heil.

THREE ENTRIES BY OPEN OR

UNLOCKED DOORS OR WINDOWS.

There was one entry by passkey—garage remote, and one entry by unknown means. There were two garage burglaries. Huntington Garden Apartments suspect seen and described as: Male, possible Hispanic, 5'9", 20 yrs., thin wearing stocking cap and blue denim jacket.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 152 - 3 RD 155 - 3 RD 165 - 1 **RD 173 – 1** 

RD 175 - 1

**Grand Theft Auto** 

RD 152 – 1 **RD 165 – 1** 

RD 173 - 1

BEAT 11

2 Residential Burglaries

4 Vehicle Burglaries

RD 359 – 1

RD 326 – 1

RD 461 - 2

Grand Theft Autos

1 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 169 – 1 RD 156 – 1

Streets: Sandra and Limelight.

ONE ENTRY BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED WINDOWS OR DOORS.

There was one attempt without entry. There were no garage burglaries.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 159 – 1 **RD 167 - 1** 

RD 168 – 2

**Grand Theft Auto** 

RD 169 – 1

BEAT 12

2 Residential Burglaries

**6 Vehicle Burglaries** 

7 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 138 – 2

Streets: Thor and Cornell.

TWO ENTRIES BY **OPEN** UNLOCKED DOORS OR WINDOWS.

Suspect described in RD 138 Thor unlocked window entry: Male white, late teens/early 20's, 5'10"-6', brown short hair. Vehicle: Toyota or Honda type dark color-possible license #2XPH488.

Vehicle Burglaries

**RD 117 – 1 RD 128 - 1** 

RD 147 - 4

Grand Theft Autos

RD 117 - 1 **RD 147 - 5** 

**RD 149 - 1** 

BEAT 13

3 Residential Burglaries

7 Vehicle Burglaries

7 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 252 – 2 RD 253 - 1

Streets: San Angelo, Parkside, and Edinger.



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ONE ENTRY BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED

RD 252 - 1

RD 262 - 1

WINDOWS OR DOORS.

There was one entry by unknown means and one entry by passkey-garage remote. There was one garage burglary.

Grand Theft Autos RD 241 - 5

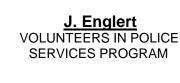
**RD 242 - 1** 

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 242 - 1 RD 251 - 1 RD 252 - 1 RD 253 - 1

# **VOLUNTEERS OF THE MONTH**

**VIPS** <u>D.</u>



Background: Born and raised in New Jersey, D.J. received her A.A. Degree in Interior Design from Brooks College in Long Beach. D.J. has been a resident of Huntington Beach since 1980.

Resume: For the past 15 years, she has been a Branch Manager for PDS Technical Services, a contract labor service firm located in Costa Mesa. She

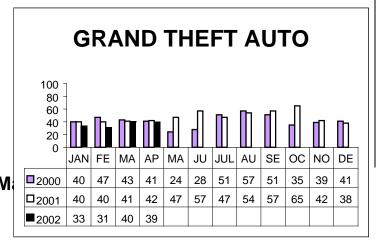
specializes in the placement of engineers in the aircraft, aerospace, petrochemical, and civil environmental industries.

### Volunteer in Police Services (VIPS) duties include:

- D.J. volunteers each week in Missing Persons updating case
- She is a regular volunteer every other week at the Oak View
- Each year she delivers July 4th parade flyers to downtown Huntington Beach residents.
- D.J. contributed a lot of hard work and time in the annual Oak View Halloween Haunted House. She was one of the key volunteers who helped make this project happen.

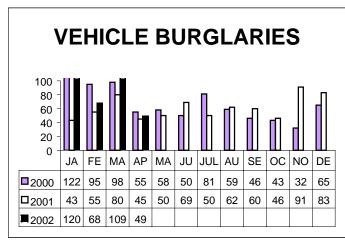
"I have gained a true appreciation for police officers by attending the Citizens Police Academy and being actively involved in VIPS."

Other Interests/Personal: D.J. is an active member of the Irvine Chamber of Commerce (ICC) and the Association of Internet Professionals of



Orange County (AIPOC). She enjoys oil painting and taking RV trips with her husband, son, and their friends.

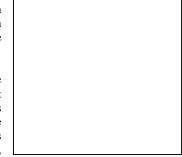
Thank you, D.J., for all you do!



# **RSVP** Lorena Fullmer RETIRED SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

The Retired Senior Volunteer of the Month for May is Lorena Fullmer. Lorena is a member of the third RSVP class, which began in September 1995. She began working patrol duties, but then moved inside to assist the detective unit.

She currently works as the Narcotic Unit's "Citizen Complaint Expert" and has been in this assignment for 4 1/2 years. She enters all of the Citizen Complaints of Suspected Narcotics Activity,



Vice Complaints, We-Tips, and narcotics registrants into the computer database, which is restricted solely to the Narcotics and Vice Units. She also maintains volumes of notebooks containing the hard copies of all the above listed materials. Lorena works with sensitive information and does so in a very professional manner.

Before retirement, Lorena worked for the Telephone Company for 40 years. Not only does she volunteer for the Police Department, but she also volunteers one day a week at the Huntington Beach Hospital.

In her free time, Lorena enjoys spending time with her son and daughter-in-law and working in her garden.

She enjoys volunteering because it allows her to get out and meet people, and keep busy.

Lorena is very much appreciated and liked by the Narcotics Unit and the Retired Senior Volunteer Program.

Congratulations Lorena and thank you for all your hard work!

